

# Medi-Cal Expansion for Young Adults

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# Young Adult Expansion – Recap

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- Expands full-scope Medi-Cal to young adults ages 19–25 regardless of immigration status
- 90,000 estimated beneficiaries
  - Aging out of SB 75 (and income eligible)
  - Currently on restricted-scope Medi-Cal
  - New applicants
- Effective date: January 1, 2020



# Young Adult Expansion – Key Dates

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- Final ACWDL will be issued in early November
- Around Nov. 11-15: DHCS will issue First General Notice
- Late-November: Counties will send NOAs to beneficiaries in restricted-scope Medi-Cal that meet the Young Adult Expansion criteria
- Early January: HCO choice packets and DHCS sends 3<sup>rd</sup> notice with managed care info



# Young Adult Expansion in L.A.

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- DHCS will release the numbers by county of how many young adults in restricted scope
- So far unknown how many young adults in restricted-scope live in LA County, though generally 1/3 of Medi-Cal population lives in LA
  - Only 3,000 are in My Health L.A.
- Think about outreach to new applicants, family members



# First Notice ~ Nov. 11-15, 2019

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## Important news about your health coverage

Dear Beneficiary:

Good news! A new California law means your restricted scope Medi-Cal benefits may change to full scope Medi-Cal benefits.

### What is the new law?

Starting **January 1, 2020**, a new law in California will give full scope Medi-Cal to young adults under the age of 26. Your immigration status does not matter. You still have to meet all other Medi-Cal eligibility rules.

### What is full scope Medi-Cal?

Medi-Cal provides free or low-cost health care for some people who live in California. Full scope Medi-Cal covers more than just emergency care. It includes medical, dental, mental health, and

## Noticias importantes sobre su cobertura de salud

Estimado Beneficiario:

¡Buenas noticias! Una nueva ley de California significa que sus beneficios restringidos de Medi-Cal podrían cambiar a beneficios completos.

### ¿Cuál es la nueva ley?

A partir del **1º de enero de 2020**, una nueva ley estatal dará Medi-Cal completo a los adultos menores de 26 años de edad. Su estado migratorio no importa, sin embargo, aún tiene que cumplir con todas las reglas de elegibilidad de Medi-Cal.

### ¿Qué es Medi-Cal completo?

Medi-Cal ofrece cuidados de salud gratuitos o de bajo costo para algunas personas que viven en California. Medi-Cal completo cubre más que sólo cuidados de emergencia.



# Second Notice ~ Nov. 23-30, 2019

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CONDADO DE LOS ANGELES

ESTADO DE CALIFORNIA  
AGENCIA DE SALUD Y BIENESTAR  
DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS SOCIALES

FECHA:	Nov. 24, 2019
NOMBRE DE CASO:	Cori Racela
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## NOTIFICACIÓN DE ACCIÓN

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*Atención: Mediadora*



# Third Notice ~ Jan. 13-15, 2019

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## Important Information About Your Medi-Cal Benefits

Dear [Member Name]:

Please read this letter for important information about your health benefits listed below. Due to a change in your health coverage, you will now get your health care through a Medi-Cal health plan.

On or around 1/3/2020, you received a Medi-Cal Choice Packet and instructions on how to choose a Medi-Cal health plan. If you do not choose a Medi-Cal health plan by X/XX/XXXX, you will be enrolled with:

Name	Health Plan	Dental Plan	Effective Date
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# Young Adult Expansion – how to help

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- Advocacy groups hosting a webinar on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 1pm!
  - <https://go.childrennow.org/ya-medi-cal>
- Make sure your clients and patients
  - Are on restricted-scope Medi-Cal NOW
  - Renew their Medi-Cal at their annual redetermination (i.e. make sure they stay on!)
  - Consider whether a child turning 19 needs to be in their own MAGI household (i.e. when shifting from 266% to 138% FPL)
  - Understand how to pick a Medi-Cal managed care plan





# Immigration & Healthcare

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- Send consumers with questions about immigration status and accessing healthcare to the One California immigration attorneys
  - [www.bit.ly/immigrationhelp](http://www.bit.ly/immigrationhelp)
- Questions about healthcare: Health Consumer Alliance
  - Free & confidential hotline for education and legal assistance
  - 888-804-3536 – works in all counties
  - Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm



# Questions?

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Feel free to email any questions or issues to me!

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